

Remarks

A. Pending Claims

Claims 2193-2200, 2202-2239, 2241-2269, 5396-5405, and 5407-5410 are pending. Claims 2193, 2196-2199, 2202, 2216, 2232, 2235-2238, 2241, 2255, 5404, and 5410 have been amended. Claims 2193, 2196-2199, 2216, 2232, 2235-2238, 2255, 5404, and 5410 have been amended for correction of typographical errors and/or clarification.

B. 35 U.S.C 112 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 2202 and 2241 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 2202 and 2241 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the rejections of claims 2202 and 2241.

C. Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 2232-2239, 2242-2269, 5397, and 5401-5403 as being unpatentable over claims 1785-1821 of copending Application No. 10/128,702. The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 2193-2200, 2202-2231, 5396, and 5398-5400 as being unpatentable over claims 2205-2244 of copending Application No. 10/128,699. Applicant does not believe that a terminal disclaimer is needed for the present application and the above-noted applications, but in the interest of expediency, a terminal disclaimer is provided as a separate document.

D. Additional Remarks

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in association with the filing of this document. If any fees are required, please appropriately charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5659-02400/EBM.

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